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SUBJECT: U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM IN EAST BERLIN

1. U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM SPENT MORNING MARCH 23 INSPECTING HAUS DES HANDWERKES, A LARGE OFFICE BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN EAST BERLIN. FIVE STORY BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1920'S AND WAS IN LARGE PART REBUILT AFTER WORLD WAR II. FRONT COVERS WIDTH OF CITY BLOCK, LOCATION ONE STREET NORTH OF UNTER DEN LINDEN. ALTHOUGH INEFFICIENT FROM SPACE STANDPOINT, BUILDING SEEMS SUITABLE, CONTAINING ADEQUATE ROOM TO HOUSE FORESEEABLE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN EAST BERLIN; COULD POSSIBLY INITIALLY INCLUDE PROVISION FOR MARINE GUARD AND NCOIC QUARTERS.

2. BILDING NEEDS EXTENSIVE REMODELING, REQUIRING SOME 10-12 MONTHS FOR COMPLETION. THERE IS GARAGE SPACE FOR ABOUT 6-8 VEHICLES IN BUILDING WITH ADDITIONAL PARKING ACROSS THE STREET. THERE IS ALSO FIVE STORY
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ATTACHED ANNEX WHICH HOUSES SEGMENT OF GDR FOREIGN

TRADE MINISTRY WHICH GDR CONTENTS CANNOT BE INCLUDED
IN PACKAGE AS PART OF HAUS DES HANDWERKES BUILDING.
HOWEVER, U.S. TEAM IS ATTEMPTING INCLUDE ANNEX IN
PACKAGE FOR USE AS STAFF HOUSING.

3. TEAM INTENDS RAISE THESE ISSUES; LEARN MORE ABOUT
ZONING AND BUILDING PLANS OF NEIGHBORHOOD OF CANCELY
AND EMBASSY RESIDENCE, AND GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT
RENTAL, REMODELING AND UTILIZATION OF BUILDINGS AND
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES INSPECTED EARLIER WHEN
DISCUSSION RESUMES IN EAST BERLIN ON MARCH 25.BORG

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